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MINERALS PROGRAM
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Mr. Edward Bonner
Minerals Section Manager
State Lands and Forestry
3 Triad Center, Suite 400
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1204

Dear Mr. Bonner:

Re: Reclamation of Mine Site on State Lease ML 29631, Utah Minerals Development Company, D/037/027, San Juan County, Utah NW/4 T31S

I recently visited a mine site located in the NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 36, T36S, R24E. I was accompanied by Mr. Dick Shumway of Utah Minerals Development Company. Mr. Shumway asked that I evaluate the site to determine reclamation release of the site. The operator is currently maintaining a \$5,000 surety with State Lands and Forestry for this site, which in my records show to be under Lease ML 29631.

The site was permitted with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining under a Declaration of Exemption, but was never upgraded to a Small Mine Operation status. The site was reclaimed in April of 1989 during which time I did observe some of the ongoing reclamation work. The Division generally waits three years to evaluate final reclamation success.

The site appears to be stable and all shafts and portals have been sealed to prevent access by backfilling and regrading. Plant growth has been re-initiated, though sparse. It is my recommendation that the operator be released from further reclamation obligation on this site.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Dick Shumway, Utah Minerals Development Co.

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